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#### RAISING THEIR SIGHTS

Toronto Raptors shooting guard Vince Carter gives children enrolled in the Vince Carter Youth Basketball Academy at the Athletic Centre some pointers on how to shoot for the top — of their game and of their studies. The NBA scoring phenomenon conducted similar programs at Ryerson University and at Ocean Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.

# **Another Green Roof Planned**

By Lanna Crucefix

An innovative green roof is being planned for 30 Charles Street, one of the two student family housing towers on campus.

Initiated by the Tenants' Association and U of T's community development office with funding from Ancillary Services and the Toronto Atmospheric Fund, the green roof will have planting beds, seating areas, walking paths and a children's learning area.

Nancy Chater, project co-ordinator, points out that green roofs have multiple benefits. "It will give students a place to recuperate and revive, where they can study, read and relax," she said. Green roofs also reduce surface temperatures, help control stormwater runoff and decrease building energy consumption,

making "the space beautiful and environmentally beneficial."

But community gardens are not a new idea at U of T. Innis College also has a rooftop garden for students and staff to enjoy and visitors to U of T's Multicultural History Society on Queen's Park Crescent are greeted by a large ornamental garden, intermixed with flowers and vegetables. This garden is tended by the Gardener's Collective, a group of about 20 U of T students, staff and community members dedicated to establishing community gardens on campus.

Since organizing four years ago, the collective has also established gardens at the Toronto School of Theology and the Newman Centre. The group manages the entire growing process, from designing plots to ordering and seeding the organic

plants with one-quarter of all produce being donated to the U of T food bank. "It's a great way to meet people on campus and reconnect with nature," said Doug Moore, the group's co-ordinator. "It builds community by doing something practical."

Another of U of T's community gardens, located outside of the Students' Administrative Council building, was created by the Prolific Potters Project, an equity group. For member Caroline Xia, the purpose of the food-for-all organic community is political and practical. "Everyone should have access to healthy organic food," she said. "That is a basic human right." Funded by SAC, the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students and the Graduate Students' Union, the plot grows vegetables and herbs, all of which will be donated to the food bank.

# Students Unearth Clues at B.C. Farm

By Nicolle Wahl

VER THE PAST TWO DECADES, more than 50 women have mysteriously vanished from Vancouver's downtown east side. Now, U of T students are among those searching for evidence that may finally shed some light on the fate of the missing women.

Last February, police arrested Robert William Picton of Port Coquitlam, B.C., and have since charged him with seven counts of murder. A pig farm belonging to Picton is now the focus of a massive search for clues.

The students underwent a rigorous police check and were required to sign a non-disclosure agreement that severely limits their ability to discuss their role in the ongoing police investigation.

The eight U of T students are part of a group of 51 people, including upper-level students and graduates in forensic anthropology from several Canadian universities, who are scouring the 14-acre property for evidence related

to the crimes.

Brenda Williams, entering the master's program in anthropology next month, said the decision to work at the site wasn't difficult because the investigation offered a large-scale opportunity to use her specialized training. Several experts on the team have formal training in human osteology, a subspecialty of physical anthropology that focuses on the remains of human skeletons.

"I chose to pursue [this] career in order to be able to take on tasks that others could not begin to fathom," Williams said. "If my training in osteology can make a difference, then I feel that I have the ability to make an important contribution."

The farm site has been divided into 216 search grids of 20 metres by 20 metres. Using heavy equipment including a soil screener and two 15-metre flat conveyer belts, the students are examining the soil on the site, distinguishing between small rocks and dirt and any

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# Chief Justice Named Massey Resident

By Jessica Whiteside

A JUDGE, A POET AND A PAIR OF politicians are among the new senior residents who will bring their diverse talents to Massey College in September.

The senior residents include Chief Justice Patrick Lesage of the Ontario Superior Court. Lesage, the third judge in the programs 40-year history, has been a frequent visitor to the college.

Senior residents contribute to the exchange of opinions and ideas at the college in various ways, including talks with students and academics. Other senior residents to join the college this fall are Preston Manning, founder of the Reform Party and former leader of the opposition; James Peterson, member of parliament and former secretary of state responsible for international financial institutions (a joint appointment with the Munk Centre for International Studies); Toronto poet Al Moritz, lack McClelland Writer-in-Residence during the second semester which begins in January; Professor Elizabeth Cohen (European history) on leave from York; Professor Roger Hall (Canadian history) on leave from the University of Western Ontario;

and Professor Burton MacDonald (biblical archeology) on leave from St. Francis Xavier University

"This is a wonderful resource both for the college and the university in taking advantage of the experience of these people," said Fraser, master of Massey College, noting that the college seeks senior residents from a variety of backgrounds to reflect its interdisciplinary nature.

The position of senior resident goes back to the college's founding in 1962 when academics and non-academics were invited to participate in college life. Massey College is an independent graduate residential college within U of T with a mandate to bridge the academic and non-academic worlds.



#### IN BRIEF



#### SUSPECT ARRESTED IN U OF T BREAK-INS

A 34-YEAR-OLD MAN OF NO FIXED ADDRESS HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH three counts of break and enter at U of T this month. A suspect entered the first floor of Simcoe Hall some time after work hours Aug. 8 and spray painted graffiti on walls, computers, paintings and furniture. Two days later, a suspect broke into Knox College and damaged books and furniture. A third break-in at 1 Spadina Cres. was under way Aug. 13 when the suspect was frightened off by the arrival of police. He was later arrested at the corner of Willcocks and Spadina by Toronto police. Liam Campbell has been charged with two counts of mischief over \$5,000, one count of possession of stolen goods over \$5,000 and one count of possession of burglary tools.

# PAY INCREASES TO TAKE EFFECT FOR PROFESSIONALS/MANAGERS, CONFIDENTIALS

STAFF MEMBERS WHO FALL INTO THE PROFESSIONALS/MANAGERS AND confidentials groups will receive salary increases with their Sept. 28 pay, retroactive to July 1. The salary increase program includes two parts: an across-the-board salary increase of two per cent, by which all salary ranges and individual salaries are increased, and a merit component based on an assessment of the staff member's performance during the past year. Senior salary adjustments will be forthcoming after the senior salary committee meets in early September

#### LIBESKIND NAMED GEHRY CHAIR

WORLD-RENOWNED POLISH ARCHITECT DANIEL LIBESKIND WILL BE THE inaugural recipient of the Frank Gehry International Visiting Chair in Architectural Design from January through April 2003. He was also recently fured to redesign the Royal Ontario Museum on the heels of his revolutionary design for Berlin's Jewish Museum which opened last year. Libeskind, who taught at U of T's Faculty of Architecture in the late 1970s, was referred to in a recent Globe and Mail article as "Europe's most-talked about architect."

#### **BUILDING BLOCKS FOR DAYCARE**

CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN ON THE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE, THE NEW childcare facility on Glen Morris Street designed with the needs of children in mind. The innovative design is the result of a consultative process that began in 1997. Teeple Architects of Toronto was retained to design the facility, largely on the strength of their experience in childcare centres including multi-award winning facilities for Trent University and the City of Scarborough. Expected to open next spring, the 1.250-square metre facility will eventually accommodate 102 children from infants to junior kindergarten age.

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## **AWARDS & HONOURS**

# FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

PROFESSOR PETER BIRKEMOE OF CIVIL ENGINEERING WAS the winner of the 2002 Shortridge Hardesty Award of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The award, presented at an awards luncheon during the society's annual convention, recognizes Birkemoe's substantial contributions to the field of structural stability during his 30 years of active research and his continued leadership with the Structural Stability Research Council.

#### **FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE**

PROFESSOR EMERITUS PETER NESSELROTH OF FRENCH AND the Centre for Comparative Literature has been awarded a Camargo Foundation Fellowship to be taken up in the spring of 2003 at the foundation in Cassis, France, where he will finish a book tentatively entitled *Reading Problems: Making Sense of Difficult Texts.* The foundation is a study centre for the benefit of fellows who wish to pursue projects in the humanities and social sciences related to French and francophone cultures.

SIMON ORTIZ, A VISITING PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, RECEIVED an honorary doctor of letters degree from the University of New Mexico at the spring commencement ceremony May 11. Born in Albuquerque and raised at Acoma pueblo, Ortiz is the author of 15 books and the editor or co-editor of five others and is widely regarded as one of today's most important native American poets.

PROFESSOR MUNI SRIVASTAVA OF STATISTICS HAS BEEN awarded the Statistical Society of Canada' 2002 Gold Medal, awarded to an individual who has made

substantial contributions to statistics or to probability, either to mathematical developments or in applied work. Intended to honour current leaders in the field, the medal was presented at the society's annual meeting at McMaster University in Hamilton May 7.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL THOMPSON OF CHEMISTRY HAS BEEN awarded the prestigious Robert Boyle Medal, administered by the Royal Society of Chemistry in the U.K. Instituted in 1981 the biennial medal is awarded based on an overall assessment of the candidate's contribution to all aspects of analytical chemistry; the recipient must be a British analytical scientist residing outside the U.K. and part of the work cited must be done outside the U.K.

#### **FACULTY OF DENTISTRY**

PROFESSOR JOHN MAYHALL RECEIVED AN HONORARY DOCTOR of odontology degree from the University of Oulu in Finland in May. Mayhall has collaborated on research projects in Finland for 30 years at both the University of Oulu and the University of Turku and was honoured for his "great services" to Oulu's Institute of Dentistry in the Faculty of Medicine and to the science of dentistry in general



# Students Unearth Clues

-Continued From Page 1materials that might be of interest to RCMP investigators.

According to Jeff Mason, who graduated this year from the forensic science program with a double major in anthropology, "we are systematically searching through earth from above and below ground using two large screening machines that separate the material in to

large, medium and small size fragments." The team members are looking for clues as small as a fingernail.

Since the excavation began June 3, the students have sifted though over 165,000 cubic metres of dirt and almost 3,000 pieces of evidence have been uncovered.

Tracy Roger, an anthropology professor at U of T at Mississauga who is supervising the U of T contingent, said that the drive to help people is what drew her to this sometimes difficult task. "I want to help figure out what became of the missing women and provide their families with some answers and, hopefully, closure to what must certainly be the saddest and most difficult time they have ever experienced."



# **Undergrad Breaks Bread With Pope**

By Sue Toye

HEN EMMANUEL PIRES found several frantic phone messages from his editor, he thought he had missed an important deadline. Instead, the volunteer reporter for the *Catholic Register* found out that he would be one of 14 young Catholic pilgrims to have lunch with the Pope at Strawberry Island just north of Toronto last month — and report on the event.

"I was very honoured," said Pires, 22, of his meeting with the spiritual leader of the Roman Catholic Church. Pires, entering his third year in architecture at U of T, had previously seen the pontiff in Rome at a World Youth Day event in 2000 but this was the first time he would meet him face to face

"I wanted to run up to him and hug him and tell him how much he means to us," said Pires, recalling his first impulse. The Pope listened attentively as young people introduced themselves, expressed thanks and asked him to pray for peace in their countries, he said. After a moment of silence, the pilgrims dined on spaghetti, asparagus, coleslaw and chocolate cake.

According to Pires, the pontiff appeared to be in "good spirits" despite his ailing health. "You can tell he's in his 80s — but because

he shows his frailty, he shows his strength," Pires added, noting that the young people seemed to rejuvenate the Pope during the weeklong series of events celebrating the Christian faith.

Meeting other young Catholics from around the world gave Pires a closer sense of community "In Toronto, you can be a little more guarded with your religion because you can feel discriminated against whereas here you feel more open and can talk about it and share your nervousness," he said. "It has reaffirmed my faith. Just the fact that he wanted to have a lunch with young people from around the world was wonderful."



Architecture student Emmanuel Pires (second from right) had lunch with the Pope July 26.

# LEGAL EASE

By Joseph Kim

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD MEGHAN Young does not hesitate when asked what career she wants to pursue as an adult.

"Ever since I was six years old I wanted to be a lawyer," she says. And after attending Camp U of T this summer, Young may have stronger inclinations to pursue her dream. Young was enrolled in Mini-University, a unique feature of the Faculty of Physical Education and Health's summer camp that offers a mix of physical and intellectual activities.

Aside from daily doses of physical pursuits such as swimming, soccer, walking tours and scavenger hunts, the program provides fun classroom sessions in law, engineering, drama, science, business, computers and sport medicine.

For Young, choosing law was not just fun but useful. "This gives me more insight and experience into what being a lawyer would be like," she says

Mini-University co-ordinator Christina Phillips says the program is geared to introduce children to different career options or to foster greater interest in a particular field.

But it is camp after all, so Phillips says counsellors lecture less and provide more hands-on opportunities about a chosen field. For example, in the sports medicine component of the camp, children suffer from mock sports injuries then administer appropriate first aid. In the science component, campers analyse a crime scene while testing for DNA and finger-printing. And in the computer portion, children build Web sites.

"We want it to be a learning

environment, not a teaching environment," says Phillips. "It's not lecture style, it's participation style."

David Poster, 24, a second-year law student, administers the law section of Mini-University. His classroom is located in the bowels of Flavelle House a century-old law school building, but his lessons are anything but traditional. For example, he introduces campers to the field of law by showing clips of popular legal-based television shows such as Judge Judy. He teaches concepts of defamation and negligence using clips from The Simpsons. And then there's the mock trial, where campers choose to become plaintiffs, defendants, judges and lawyers.

"I don't ever want to bore them, ever," says Poster "By the end of the session, they're all having fun."



Canada's first space telescope launched

By Nicolle Wahl

ANADA'S FIRST SPACE TELESCOPE
— a 60-kilogram satellite the size of a suitcase — could soon give researchers a low-cost and unique glimpse of the stars in our galaxy.

Earlier this month, scientists unveiled the Microvariability and Oscillation of Stars (MOST) microsatellite at the space flight laboratory of the U of T Institute for Aerospace Studies (UTIAS).

Due to its orbit the Hubble space telescope can only focus on a star for about six days, while MOST can stare at a single star for up to seven weeks. By studying changes in the star's brightness. researchers can gather information on its size, age and composition. "If you look at some of the oldest stars in the galaxy, we can place a lower limit on the age of the universe," said Professor Robert Zee, manager of the space flight laboratory. He added that MOST could also reveal planets that may be orbiting around other stars as well as provide clues to their atmospheres.

Excluding the actual telescope, MOST was designed, built and tested in the institute's sterile "clean room" to protect the satellite's sensitive optical equipment. U of T is the only Canadian university building low-cost spacecraft. Since 1998 over 60 graduate students have worked on projects related to MOST.

"If we were to try to do similar astronomy here on Earth, we

would need a lot of large, expensive telescopes scattered all over the Earth to compensate for things like the day-night cycle, weather patterns and atmospheric scintillation, which causes stars to twinkle," said Zee. MOST's telescope — the opening of which is no bigger than a pie plate — is surrounded by gyroscopes that correct for the wobble of orbit.

The MOST project is a joint venture involving UTIAS, the University of British Columbia, Dynacon Enterprises Limited and the Canadian Space Agency. The entire project cost about \$10 million, compared with the \$50- to \$200-million Cdn price tag attached to small spacecraft projects in the U.S. The cost of building and launching MOST satellites will cost roughly 10 to 20 per cent of the price of other Canadian satellite missions. Zee said that this low cost would allow for more frequent missions.

MOST will now undergo further testing to make sure it can stand up to the severe vibration of its launch and the thermal vacuum of space. The project team plans to launch MOST into orbit in April 2003 in Plesetsk, Russia, aboard a modified intercontinental ballistic missile.



# Petition With Political Stance Not U of T's View: Provost

By Jane Stirling

A PROFESSOR AT THE ONTARIO Institute for Studies in Education of U of T (OISE/UT) was not speaking on the university's behalf when she circulated a petition with a pro-Palestinian resolution, says U of T's provost.

An article in the Aug 10 issue of the National Post suggested Professor Sherene Razack, director of the Centre for Integrative Anti-Racism Studies at OISE/UT, was speaking on behalf of the university when she asked signatories to denounce "atrocities perpetrated against the Palestinians by the Israeli state and army." Razack was speaking as a scholar at a conference, not as a representative of the university's views, its policies or the position of its academic leadership, said Professor Shirley Neuman, acting president. People who signed the resolution did so as individuals.

In a letter to the editor published

in the National Post Aug 13, Neuman said the university is committed to academic freedom and non-discrimination for all scholars. That commitment is exemplified in a statement circulated by the Canadian Jewish Congress, and signed by President Robert Birgeneau, condemning the academic boycott of Israeli scholars.

The statement says: "We, the undersigned heads of Canadian universities, unequivocally con-

demn all efforts aimed at the scientific, academic and cultural boycotting of Israel or the establishment of anti-Israel moratoria on corresponding initiatives such as scholarly exchanges, joint research ventures and cultural programs."

Neuman said the OISE/UT incident was investigated by the acting dean when it surfaced in the spring. "We recognize that to protest a combatant's role in a war can be hurtful to some members

of the community but such a protest is not in itself racist or hate speech," she said. "Academic freedom means that scholars must be able to express views that are challenging while respecting academic responsibility."

Birgeneau stated that the university is committed to ensuring a safe environment for all members of its community "Any manifestations of harassment or discrimination are entirely unacceptable. It violates everything we stand for."

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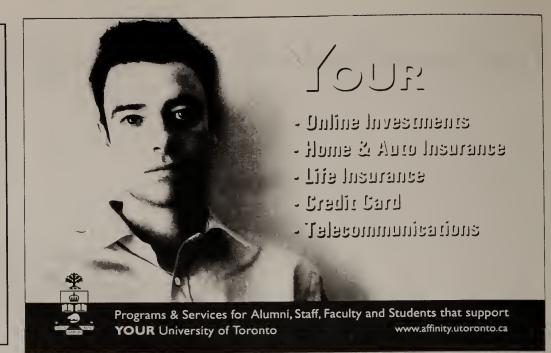


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ATURE NURTURES BUT IT ALSO DISTURBS, SAYS English professor Alan Bewell who has spent the last five years engrossed in the study of natural history and its effects on British literature.

Bewell is fascinated by the way the description of nature in literary works affected the reading population in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

Known as the Romantic period, this time was characterized by a literature that deeply interrogated the relationship between the individual and the great outdoors. Generally speaking, up until the 1700s,

the only nature that most Brits came into contact with was whatever was outside their door. But with the rise of colonialism and tourist travel to other countries, the British were suddenly confronted with the kinds of vistas that we would today associate with a science-fiction novel.

"Natural history came into being during this period and achieves incredible cultural dominance within the public sphere," says Bewell, adding that such renowned writers as Percy Shelley, William Blake, Mary Shelley, Erasmus Darwin, John Keats, William Wordsworth and Samuel Coleridge were writing of foreign mountains, vast lakes, towering trees and exotic animals.

"The people began to fully realize that other worlds existed very different from their own," Bewell says. "And a new global consciousness developed out of this. One argument I make is that much of the dynamism of the Romantic period comes from this enormous influx of nature into British life. But it was a nature that Britons didn't necessarily see themselves a part of."

And this is the part of natural history that had a darker side for the British psyche, he believes, for while this evocative and exotic literature was appealing to readers, it produced feelings of insecurity, uncertainty and unfamiliarity as well. The "consequences" of colonialism and expansion on the British Empire began to take hold within parts of the population because of the novels, poems and travel magazine articles available to them.

"Up until then people thought that plants and animals would stay in one climate as God had intended but during this period not only were humans on the

move but nature as well was expanding across the globe," Bewell says. Flowers and weeds, birds and animals were advancing to different places partly because of human intervention due to the enormous push of colonialism.

"The British believed that God had designed the world in a certain way with a specific place for each animal and plant," he says. "But people began seeing themselves and differently nature because of this literature and they worried what effect all of this immense change would have on them mentally and physically — even

to the point of wondering if their reproductive abilities would begin to suffer from settling in different climes."

Bewell's book Romanticism, Colonialism and Natural History will be published next year with support from the Guggenheim Foundation and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

## IN MEMORIAM

# **Dyson Respected Teacher**

PROFESSOR PETER
Dyson of English
died in Toronto April 9
after a long battle with
prostrate cancer. He
was 71 years old.

Born and raised in Montreal, Dyson was educated and trained by Jesuits in North America and England. He received his BA from

Loyola in Montreal in 1951, his MA from Fordham University in New York in 1960 as well as a BA (1963) and MA (1967) from Oxford. After leaving the Jesuit order he taught briefly at Bristol University in England before returning to Princeton University where he received his PhD in 1971.

Dyson joined U of T as an assistant professor in English in 1968, receiving tenure in 1975; but not without a struggle. Along with a number of other candidates, he was originally turned down by the tenure committee, but unlike many of his colleagues, he decided to appeal. "Most so rejected simply accepted the decision and ultimately disappeared from the scene," recalled Professor Fred Asals, a long-time friend and colleague, at a memorial service held at Trinity College chapel June 8. "Peter's way was different. Recognizing the unacceptable casualness of the process whereby individual destinies were determined, he appealed his decision and won a review and, in due course, was awarded tenure."

This experience led to a large extent to his serving as a member of the U of T Faculty Association

council from 1976 to 1980, joining its grievance committee from 1978 to 1981, serving as vice-president (grievance) from 1982 to 1984 and as president of the association in 1984-85. An active member of the

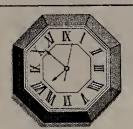
English department, Dyson also served on the department council for many years and on several administrative committees. In 1992-93 he accepted the position as acting director of the women's studies program, retiring as an associate professor in 1994.

An excellent teacher, Dyson was continually praised by students in their evaluations, Asals said. "Students loved the excitement he brought to his teaching, his obvious delight in the literature he dealt with, the interplay of sympathy and rigour with which he responded to them and the supple intelligence with which he illuminated the text."

Beyond the university, Dyson was a volunteer bereavement counsellor for the Metro Toronto Distress Centre, covered opera performances for *Opera News* and served as the transportation coordinator for the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatic competition held in Toronto in 2001.

"Teacher, writer, administrator when necessary, grief counsellor, traveller, superb cook, music lover, wit, extraordinary host and dear, dear friend," Asals said, "his passing impoverishes our lives."





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# Research at the Speed of Light

# New technique boosts potential for growing stem cells

A new method developed by U of T researchers for growing specialized cells from embryonic stem cells could provide large numbers of these valuable cells for research and clinical purposes.

Professor Peter Zandstra of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering says the technique could have a significant impact on stem cell research. "Up until now, stem cells could only be cultured in small amounts but our method scales up production to clinically relevant cell numbers," he said

The new technique, the subject of a patent, was developed using a bioreactor that holds roughly one litre of stem cell suspension. This is a much larger amount than suspension tissue culture plates (the traditional method) can hold. Zandstra's technique also solves the problem of stem cells that stick together in culture, interfering with their ability to replicate and specialize into different cell types. He encloses the cells in polysaccharide capsules designed to be outgrown when the cell "stickiness" has disappeared.

Zandstra's team worked with

mouse stem cells and achieved a high efficiency of stem cell differentiation. Zandstra anticipates that human stem cells could be grown the same way, once federal legislation establishes guidelines for their use.

NICOLLE WAHL

# Public school no place for courses on values

The older the person, the greater the skepticism on teaching religious and patriotic values in public school, says a new U of T study.

College students and teenagers have concerns about imposing a particular set of values on a diverse population, says the study, published in the May/June issue of *Child Development*. Younger children, however, are more likely to feel government should legislate the promotion of positive values such as racial equality, honesty, industriousness and patriotism as well as religious values.

"A challenge for any pluralist society is agreement on which values are to be passed on to future generations and how these values are to be taught and promoted," said Professor Charles Helwig of psychology who co-authored the study with graduate student

Angela Prencipe. "Although there are many programs of values education in effect in North America, surprisingly, children's own perspectives on values education are often not taken into consideration by policy-makers and researchers."

The researchers asked children aged 8 to 13 and college students what values should be taught in public schools and whether that teaching should be regulated. Although older children and adults approved of the teaching of character values such as work ethic, they believed it should be at the discretion of individual teachers and schools, not required by law, the researchers say. This older group was more receptive to laws requiring the teaching of other values, such as justice and democracy, which could be shared among individuals in a multicultural society.

JESSICA WHITESIDE

# Accelerating computing to speed of light

Researchers at U of T have discovered a new technique to form tiny perfect crystals that have high optical quality, a finding that could usher in a new era of ultra-fast computing and communication using photons

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These crystals, called photonic crystals, could greatly improve both speed and bandwidth in communications systems, said University Professor Geoffrey Ozin of chemistry.

"All of the promises of what photonic crystals can do, in terms of guiding light and bending light in incredibly small spaces, may be achieved by the assembly of patterns of micrometre-size photonic crystals all in a plane," he said. "The breakthrough possibly represents a step towards the development of miniaturized optical components earmarked for the next generation of all-optical computers and telecommunication systems."

The technique, described in the June issue of Advanced Functional

Materials, carves geometrically and spatially well-defined microscopic patterns into the surface of a material. The surface relief patterns are then exposed to an alcohol-based solution of synthetic microspheres. These microspheres exclusively enter the surface relief patterns and self-assemble into perfectly arranged microstructures called photonic crystals. The crystals have the property of being able to act as tiny optical components for managing photons in circuits of light similar to how semi-conductor transistors control electrons in circuits of electricity.

Ozin said the findings represent a step towards significantly reducing the size of optical components, devices and circuits.

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#### **Advisory Search Committee** for a Vice-Provost, Students

appointment by the end of the first term. The appointment is one to which I, members of the University of Toronto faculty, and our students attach great importance. I will greatly appreciate your thoughtful help in identifying members of

our community who would be splendid in this role.

Below you will find a description of the position and a call for nominations. Please do take a few minutes to think about who would be suitable and to forward your suggestions. I will also welcome expressions of personal interest

Also listed below is the membership of the Advisory Search Committee established to aid me in making this appointment.

Professor Shirley Neuman Vice-President and Provost

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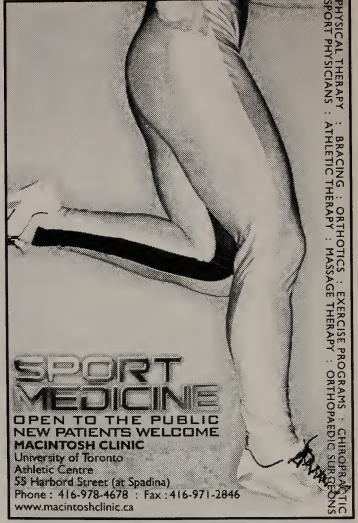
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If you have views about the position that you would like to relay to the Committee or if you would like to suggest names for the Advisory Committee to consider, please communicate these no later than September 27th, 2002 to the secretary of the committee, Lynn Snowden, at 27 King's College Circle, Rm. 221 or by e-mail to I.snowden@utoronto.ca

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#### **EVENTS**

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

#### JUSTINA M. BARNICKE GALLERY HART HOUSE

To August 29

#### Invisible Cities.

Rae Bridgman, quilt hangings inspired by Italo Calvino's *Invisible Cities*. East Gallery.

#### Canadian Pastorale.

Lotti Thomas, print constructions. West Gallery. Gallery hours: Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m.

# ROBARTS LIBRARY Arts & Science Book Fair.

To August 30
Exhibition of 180 books published from May 2000 to May 2002 showcasing the diversity of scholarship in the Faculty of Arts & Science. Foyer, second floor.

#### Great Books by Great Grads.

To August 30

Books by graduates of arts and science; in conjunction with 175th anniversary Display area, first floor Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to midnight; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday, 1 to 10 p.m.

# TRINITY COLLEGE John Strachan's Library.

TO SEPTEMBER 1

An exhibition of books from the library of John Strachan, founder of the University of Toronto and Trinity College, in celebration of U of T's 175th anniversary and Trinity's 150th. Saunderson Rare Books Room, John W. Graham Library. Hours: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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#### MISCELLANY

#### Historical Walking Tours.

To August 30

Walking tours of the historic St. George campus. Nona Macdonald Visitors Centre. Monday to Friday, 10:30 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m. Information: 416-978-5000

### COMMITTEES

The Bulletin regularly publishes the terms of reference and membership of committees.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, two weeks prior to publication.

#### ADVISORY

VICE-PROVOST (STUDENTS)
Provost Shirley Neuman has established an advisory committee to advise her on the appointment of a vice-provost (students). Members are: Provost Shirley Neuman (chair); Professors Dyanne Affonso, dean, Faculty of Nursing; Rorke Bryan, dean, Faculty of Forestry. Gary Crawford, associate dean (social sciences), U of T at Mississauga. Frank Cunningham, principal, Innis College; lan McDonald, associate dean, U of T at Scarborough; David Rayside, political

Cunningham, principal, Innis College; Ian McDonald, associate dean, U of T at Scarborough; David Rayside, political science; Wendy Rolph, vice-dean (academic), Faculty of Arts & Science; Anastasios Venetsanopoulos, dean Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering, and Catharine Whiteside. associate dean (inter-faculty and graduate affairs), Faculty of Medicine; and Susan Addario, director, student affairs. Dan Bandurka, president, student council, U of T at Scarborough; Emily Holland, full-time undergraduate student, U of T at Mississauga; Françoise Ko, former graduate student member, Governing Council and current member, University Affairs Board; Sheldon Levy, vice-president (government and institutional relations) and interim viceprovost (students); John Nestor, alumni member, Governing Council; Karel Swift, university registrar and director, Admissions & Awards; Birgitta Wilson,

provost (arts and science) (secretary).

The committee would welcome nominations and comments regarding this position. These should be sent no later than Sept. 27 to Lynn Snowden, Room 221, 27 King's College Circle; e-mail, l.snowden@utoronto.ca.

part-time undergraduate student.

Faculty of Arts & Science; Geeta Yadav,

former full-time undergraduate student

rent member, University Affairs Board;

member, Governing Council and cui

and Lynn Snowden, assistant vice-

## SEARCH

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
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has issued a call for nominations of individuals to serve on the search committee that will advise the president on the appointment of a dean of the Faculty of Information Studies. Dean Lynne Howarth will complete her term as dean of the faculty June 30; although eligible for reappointment, she has decided not to continue for a second term. The Perron Rules mandate the potential composition of the committee as follows: the vice-president and provost or representative (chair); three to five members of the teaching staff of the faculty; one to three students of the faculty; the dean of the School of Graduate Studies or representative; a librarian, where appropriate; and two or three other qualified scholars from within or outside this university but outside the faculty. In addition the committee may include an alumnus/a, a member of the administrative staff and a senior member of the appropriate professional community.

The search committee will also function as a review committee in keeping with the university's established practice of conducting period divisional reviews at the end of a dean's or a principal's term.

Nominations should be sent to Lesley Lewis, assistant vice-provost (professional faculties), by Sept. 9; phone, 416-978-2632; fax, 416-971-1380; e-mail, lesley lewis@utoronto ca.

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# VIGIL

A plant worker watches his friendly colleague transform into a serial killer

#### By Dave McIntyre

The following is an excerpt of the winning entry in the School of Continuing Studies' first annual competition for the Random House of Canada Student Award in Writing.

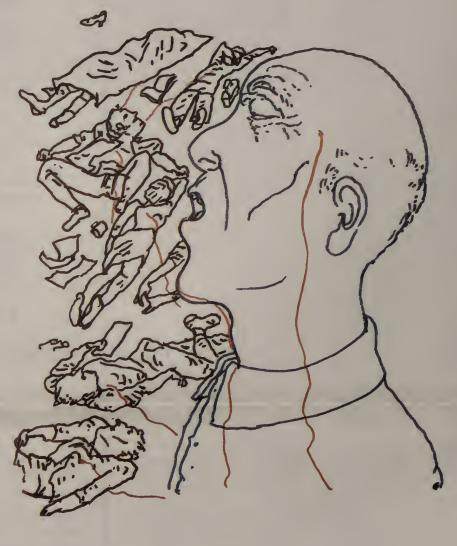
OU CAN STARE AT THE FACE OF SOMEONE, a criminal or murderer or rapist or madman, you can see that face day after day, year after year, and yet you might never really know that person, know what thoughts are whistling at light speed through the brain behind the face. When Jean gave his statement to the police after the shootings, this is what he had said, and he repeated versions of the same statement when negotiating his settlement with the representatives from Médicaments Goudin. Faoud was an angry man, but not vengeful, or so he had thought. This was a lie Everyone in Production knew about Faoud's instability; they made a joke of it, laughed at his sputtering and blustering and thinly-cloaked threats. Vince and Annick even started a betting pool with some of the chemists and line operators on when Monsieur Patate was going to take out the plant with an Uzi or Semtex bomb.

Two months, a year, January 2002, the day before his wife's menstrual cycle — Jean saw the chart, the names, the dollar amounts logged on a computer printout. After incessant pestering and a few sniggering insinuations, Jean paid up a dollar and wrote in the bet date as 'December 2004', a date far enough into the future to seem like a realistic guess. Later he scratched out 'December 2004' and wrote 'never'

Faoud seemed to walk the corridors of Médicaments Goudin in a daze in the months leading up to the massacre. Carlos from the Cauldron Room claimed to have seen him outside the plant at two in the morning (Faoud had always worked the morning shift), sitting in his car and drinking something from a bottle. Faoud scoffed at the claim, but Carlos insisted that he saw what he saw. More troubling were the dozens of painkillers that were removed from Production by Faoud due to manufacturing defects: split capsules, pinholes, telescoped capsule shells. Carlos and the other Production Technicians insisted that the capsules were not coming out flawed, that they couldn't be coming out defective in as high a number as was claimed by Quality Control. Still, these lots were handled by Faoud, and when Faoud showed Jean the bins full of bad capsules, their dents and pockmarks obvious from several feet away, Jean had to side with his co-worker's findings. The Production crew was not impervious to failures, after all.

The painkiller was a new product being sold in test markets in British Columbia and the American mid-west, under the name DolorEase 91. It was the first product that Goudin North America had formulated without support from the Bordeaux labs. The trials for its predecessor, DolorEase 89, had not gone well — apparently in some test subjects the previous formulation had the opposite effect, causing muscle cramping and, in a few classified cases, incontinence and bowel irritation. There were conflicting rumours as to whether the new formulation had the same problems. Jean thought of this when looking over Faoud's logsheets, report after report of defective DolorEase samples which were sent for disposal. Others had pointed out the odd coincidence of how Faoud had often complained that the chairs in the office hurt his back, and how he had sent numerous memos to Dalpé requesting new furniture. He refused to see the doctor recommended by Management, claiming that the doctor was surely receiving a kickback from the company's insurance plan. Faoud had a knack for sniffing out conspiracies, and he was adept at verifying by argument these conspiracies just as surely as he verified his innocence from any possible related wrongdoing -- his proclaimed innocence in all areas, in fact, was legendary throughout the production floor. Always in the right, never in the wrong.

Page One of every tabloid in Québec, every newspaper and magazine, had a photo of the Happy Gunman grinning wildly, his name in blocky letters across his forehead with insets



showing the parking lot outside of Médicaments Goudin, or the huddles of crying workers still wearing their white smocks and hairnets, or the single dropsheet covering Gaston Boisvert's body near the side entrance. There were bylines promising details of the hidden history of the man proclaimed by investigating officers as a soulless ghoul, an 'angel of death' parading around the building with weapons firing in all directions cutting down the innocent as well as those Faoud had proclaimed guilty in letters found in his home office. Along with these letters police had found several vials of medication confiscated from work, and a secret store of adult diapers — a problem with bed-wetting that stemmed from Faoud's childhood had apparently resurfaced in the months leading up to the shootings ("She  $\stackrel{C}{\geq}$ won't share the same bed with me anymore," Faoud had whispered to Jean during a late, painful confession. "Riaza, my own wife, and now the fucking bitch makes me sleep on the sofa..."). Jean could not bear to read the repetitious news stories, the facts of Faoud's failing marriage, his falling out with Riaza's parents over a relative's failed emigration

bid, his verbal explosions at work. 'Anonymous co-workers,' according to reporters, had confided with their supervisors about Faoud's condition and his inconsistencies — Jean recalled writing a cautionary memo to Dalpé saying that he himself was not completely certain that so many DolorEase could be failing quality check, not in such a great number, and that he himself should take over these sample checks in order to ensure that there might not have been some 'oversights of the part of others.' Jean printed out this memo and delivered it by hand to Dalpé, but to this day he could not remember if he had erased the original document, the Word file that was stored on the one computer in the Quality Control office he shared with Faoud, the computer whose network log-in was the same as Faoud's. Jean had agreed when Dalpé suggested that his co-worker should go on the medical leave that was finally instituted and forced upon Faoud; by his ravings and complaints of incessant back pain, Monsieur Patate had brought that much upon himself.

Little incidents, conspicuous in their strangeness, these provoked Management's decision to put Faoud Zahir on a four week leave term (at two thirds of his regular salary); incidents such as a discussion between Vince and Faoud and Jean about the merits of English television, in particular the show 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?'. Faoud championed the programme, and Colin Mochrie in particular. Vince, on the other hand, thought the show was cheap-looking and monotonous, with the same set of jokes repeated over and over. For no apparent reason, Faoud launched into a tirade on the excellence of Colin Mochrie's comic invention, and on the abuse heaped upon the actor by the show's host Drew Carey. "Mochrie is the funniest man on that show, that whole damn show, it is he that comes up with the best word play, the best comebacks of all of them. So what does Drew Carey do, that fat fucking not-funny Drew Carey, he makes fun of Mochrie's baldness. Mochrie is the best cast member on that fucking show, and they make fun of him because he's bald, cheap shot after cheap shot after cheap shot. If I was Colin Mochrie I'd kick that fat fuck Carey's ass, you know? Just kick his fat unfunny American pig ass up and down that cheap fucking set you can't tolerate Mr. Smith, do you know what I'm saying? Do you? Do you?!"

Jean and Vince were staring at Faoud, both of them fish-eyed and dumbfounded. Faoud was standing at his chair in the cafeteria, his bald potato-scalp gleaming, his shoulders hunched and his fist shaking. He had raised his voice so loudly that other workers were looking at him from other tables. He blinked as if snapping out of a hypnotist's trance and sat meekly in his chair, arching his back and groaning.

Dave McIntyre is a 32-year old electronics technician with a passion for writing and a background in punk culture. The complete text can be read at http://learn.utoronto.ca/uoft/arts/rhaward.jsp.